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### FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Hong Kong Bureau -- November 1985

#### I. GENERAL

A. Xu Jiatur, head of the Hong Kong branch of the New China News Agency and de facto top PRC Government official here, gave Hong Kong a case of nervous jitters during the month. At a press conference on the 21st, he accused the British of deviating from the terms of the joint declaration. Xu's comments, reported extensively by the local press, were seen here as confirmation that Beijing is not pleased with recent political reforms in Hong Kong, especially the moves toward a more representative and democratic government. The Hong Kong stock market reacted quickly, dropping 50 points the day following Xu's statements. A UK Foreign Office spokesman was reported as saying the British Government had no idea what Xu meant by his remarks. By the end of the month there were signs that Beijing was trying to smooth it all over. China's chief negotiator on the Joint UK-PRC Liaison Group was quoted by Western media as saying it was his impression that the British were not deviating from the spirit of the joint declaration.

B. The Hong Kong media also showed much interest in the Larry Chin story. Nearly all the papers, both English and Chinese, published reports, most relying on Western press accounts. Some papers are still providing daily updates as more details come out on the formal indictment. The story has also figured prominently in radio and television newscasts, with many of the TV reports including videotapes showing Chin being taken into custody and in and out of federal buildings. While many of the local media reports mentioned Chin's employment with FBIS and his service at Okinawa, none that we are aware of mentioned the bureau here. His employment at the Consulate in the early 50's was the source of most interest and the focus of most press inquiries to the Consulate PAO. The widespread media publicity with references to FBIS stirred up a good deal of initial concern and anxiety among our local employees.

C. Bureau financial and property records were routinely audited during the month. No serious discrepancies were found, but on the recommendation of the auditors we will alter our procedures for keeping property records. The guidelines we have been following were revised several years ago, but apparently these changes were not made known to the bureau.

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D. Our two contracts with Cable & Wireless (for TV monitoring and recording from Victoria Peak and use of the Mt. Butler antenna field) were renewed during the month. Annual charges for the TV taping were increased by about 13%, but there was no increase in the Mt. Butler rent. This is the first increase for either contract since 1981. We expect there will be an increase in the Mt. Butler charges once we complete the microwave backup system, though this should not be effective until next October.

**II. OPERATIONS****A. Monitorial/Editorial**

1. ~~Non~~-publishable wordage filed during the month was a record 1,247,210 words, some 60,000 words more than the "old" record set last month. Reporting on the Philippines was again the big factor in this record effort. Production on the Philippines, including AFP materials on that country, was a record 343,870 words. Bureau output on the Philippines has grown immensely since coverage of FEBC was transferred here from Okinawa 5 years ago. On 26 November, the fifth anniversary of that coverage transfer, the bureau filed 14,740 words on the Philippines, more than was being filed monthly from FEBC back in 1980.

2. Much of November's reporting on the Philippines centered on the snap election called for by President Marcos to be held on January 17th. With the date now put off until 7 February and the opposition claiming that Marcos must resign before the election, opinion varies on how it will all turn out. But there is a widespread feeling that Marcos has made another clever move. By calling for early elections he caught the opposition off-guard and it is still unclear whether they will be able to put aside their differences and get solidly behind one candidate to successfully challenge the president. The early call for an election to test and probably confirm the people's preference for Marcos will give him the means to tell the U.S. that all the rumors about his unpopularity are, as he says, a lot of nonsense from the leftist U.S. press. One big "if" in the whole scene presently is the verdict in the Aquino murder trial which is expected to be released tomorrow. The outcome, either way, could have an immense impact on the upcoming election.

3. Subscriptions to PRC publications for 1986 have been renewed through the local PPU or our contract employee in Beijing. To date we know of only two papers currently on coverage which it appears may not be renewable. These are NEI MENGGU RIBAO and DONGBEI JINGJI BAO. No reason was given by the Beijing Post Office for not renewing these two subscriptions. We are attempting to get subscriptions by other means. A new overseas edition of LIAOWANG, to be published in Hong Kong, will be available for subscription starting the first of the year. We have been able to obtain copies of the first three editions, published on a trial basis, and several items have been selected and processed. Like the overseas edition of RENMIN RIBAO, the LIAOWANG overseas version is aimed at Chinese in Hong Kong and other countries and includes items believed to be of more interest to that group of readers.

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4. Our coverage of New Zealand took another turn for the worse this month. Just weeks after we had been able to resume coverage of Wellington Radio following seasonal frequency changes, a 250-KW Radio Pyongyang transmitter opened up on the same frequency, obliterating the Wellington broadcast. We reported this to Radio New Zealand and they expressed appreciation for being told (they weren't aware of the Pyongyang transmitter). So far there has been no change in frequencies that would enable us to resume regular coverage, but the station indicated that it would probably do so shortly.

**B. Communications**

The bureau had two lengthy outages during the month (14-15th and 30 Nov-1 Dec). These were both scheduled and due to extensive modification work and equipment upgrading at TCU.

**C. Lateral Services**

1. The Consulate in Guangzhou went off its 4-month-long communications minimize this month. Despite this, however, the DPO in Guangzhou has asked the bureau for the time being to continue pouching copies of wirefiled items of interest to the consulate. They hope by the end of the year to start receiving the FBIS file on their circuit.

2. Guangzhou's cautious approach toward accepting the FBIS file is understandable. The Consulate in Shanghai had to back-down this month on receiving FBIS traffic via wire. Full service was resumed in October, but on the 18th of this month they asked Okinawa and Hong Kong to modify that service by cutting out materials on two provinces. Problems in sorting, distributing, and reading the traffic were cited as the reason for the reduction.

**III. ADMINISTRATION****A. Personnel**

1. Senior editor [ ] issued diplomatic passports last month upon expiration of their official ones. They were the first of the bureau staffers to receive the new passports under the recently changed rules. Bureau staffers with more than a year to go on their current tours will apply for the new diplomatic passports this month.

2. The bureau's foreign national performance evaluation panel held its biannual meeting during the month. Promotion and other recognition recommendations have been sent to Headquarters for approval.

3. Negotiations over the Consulate's Provident Fund for local employees continued to drag on during the month. After receiving tentative approval from State some months ago, the Consulate Foreign National Employees Association expressed numerous misgivings about the scheme. The Consulate has been negotiating with

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the Fund managers but at a meeting last week the revised plan was still strongly criticized by many local employees. With uncertainty over their future status with the Consulate after 1997, most employees prefer a plan that emphasizes savings with no penalty withdrawals rather than a long-term pension scheme. Negotiations are continuing.

4. A biannual wage increase recommendation for local employees will probably be submitted to State for approval sometime this month. A mini-survey of wages at local businesses and the Hong Kong Government is expected to be completed soon. Unlike previous wage scale increases, the Consulate has indicated that the effective date will be when it is approved by State, not retroactive to an earlier date in October or November. We are awaiting further details on this.

#### IV. VISITS

- 25X1 A. Former FBIS Director [ ] on 4 November while in Hong Kong on other business.
- 25X1 B. [ ] 5-9 November as part of a management trip to the Far East bureaus.
- 25X1 C. [ ] on 8 November for talks with [ ] and the bureau chief on matters of mutual interest.
- 25X1 D. RMO [ ] 7-8 November while in Hong Kong on other business, to provide assistance and guidance to Okinawa Bureau during the Fjeld evacuation.
- 25X1 E. Auditors [ ] 15, 19, and 20 November.
- 25X1 F. [ ] on 22 and 25 November while in Hong Kong on R&R with his family.

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Bureau Chief

Attachment: Monthly Production Report

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1 - C/Okinawa  
1 - C/Bangkok  
1 - C/Seoul

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## HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1985

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1247210
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	100570
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1922

BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	5200	10140	270
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA	
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TAGALOG	3860
BEIJING TELEVISION SERVICE IN MANDARIN	1410
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	11540
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10260
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9360
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6450
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	3220
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9270
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7750
LHASA XIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	16370
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10690
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5540
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5210
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9490
XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10250
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6620
YINCHUAN NINGXIA REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	710
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12190

BEIJING XINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN CHINESE	10690
BEIJING ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE	37770
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE	5480
BEIJING BAOGAO WENXUE IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING BEIJING WANBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH	28680
BEIJING CHINA DAILY (HUNAN SUPPLEMENT) IN ENGLISH	3870
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE	4470
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE	26510
BEIJING GUOJI SHANGBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING HONGQI IN CHINESE	89500
BEIJING HUANQIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING JIEFANGJUN WENYI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE	41150
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE	44370
BEIJING JINGJI XUE ZHOUBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE	47020
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN CHINESE	23870
BEIJING LILUN YUEKAN IN CHINESE	6300
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING NONGMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	3110
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	94140
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	2070
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE	2740
BEIJING WENXUE PINGLUN IN CHINESE	0

BEIJING WENYI BAO IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING WENZHAI BAO IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHEXUE YANJIU IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN	
CHINESE	1390
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN	
CHINESE	4140
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	680
CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
FUZHOU ZHONGGUO JINGJI WENTI IN	
CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU GUANGZHOU RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU KAIFANG IN	
CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1940
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
HAIKOU HAINAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	500
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	920
LANZHOU LANZHOU WANBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAOBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1860
WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	8930
YINCHUAN NINGXIA RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	8310

HONG KONG	
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LTD IN	
ENGLISH	300
HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCAST LTD IN	
ENGLISH	500
HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN	
ENGLISH	2790
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ENGLISH	1460

DAGUPAN CITY DZDL RADIO IN TAGALOG	1340
QUEZON CITY MAHARLIKA BROADCASTING SYSTEM IN ENGLISH	29320
MANILA BULLETIN TODAY IN ENGLISH	41560
MANILA BUSINESS DAY IN ENGLISH	85030
MANILA METRO MANILA TIMES IN ENGLISH	18030
MANILA MR. & MS. SPECIAL EDITION IN ENGLISH	1440
MANILA PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	20530
MANILA PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	3000
MANILA TIMES JOURNAL IN ENGLISH	15820
DAVAO CITY MINDANAO MIRROR BULLETIN IN ENGLISH	520
DAVAO CITY MINDANAO TIMES IN ENGLISH	880
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN ENGLISH	3180
DAVAO CITY SAN PEDRO EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	900
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN ENGLISH	1720
QUEZON CITY ANG PAHAYAGANG MALAYA IN ENGLISH	24900
QUEZON CITY VERITAS IN ENGLISH	22310
QUEZON CITY WE FORUM IN ENGLISH	6790



HONG KONG AFP IN ENGLISH	169860	
HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN ENGLISH		6440
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN CHINESE		11710
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN CHINESE		7930
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIETAI IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN ENGLISH		1760
HONG KONG HONG KONG STANDARD IN ENGLISH		8460
HONG KONG HONG KONG STANDARD (BUSINESS STANDARD SUPPLEMENT) IN ENGLISH		2740
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN CHINESE		3800
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN CHINESE		2600
HONG KONG LIAOWANG OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE		4670
HONG KONG MING PAO IN CHINESE		6190
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN ENGLISH		29640
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST (BUSINESS NEWS SUPPLEMENT) IN ENGLISH		21520
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN CHINESE		5370
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN ENGLISH		5780
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN CHINESE		8370

NEW ZEALAND WELLINGTON OVERSEAS SERVICE IN ENGLISH	5370	
WELLINGTON THE EVENING POST IN ENGLISH		1130
AUCKLAND THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD IN ENGLISH		870

PHILIPPINES MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN ENGLISH	17450	
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN TAGALOG	2630	
MANILA RADIO VERITAS IN TAGALOG	0	